

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 7, 12, 14, and 16 - 27 are pending. Claims 5, 6, and 14 have been amended for form. Claims 8 – 11, 13, and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 16 – 27 have been added. No new matter has been added. Reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

In the March 14, 2006 Restriction and Election Requirement, the Examiner stated that the present application included claims directed to two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: 1) Species 1 directed to the recording apparatus / method illustrated in Figs. 1 – 8; and 2) Species 2 directed to the recording apparatus / method illustrated in Figs. 9 – 14.

The applicant elects, without traverse, the Species 1 claims directed to the recording apparatus / method illustrated in Figs. 1 – 8. The applicant believes that claims 1 – 7, 12, and 14 read on the Species 1, i.e., the recording apparatus / method illustrated in Figs. 1- 8. The applicant has added claims 16 – 27 to the present application and claims 16 – 27 are consonant with the Species 1 claims.

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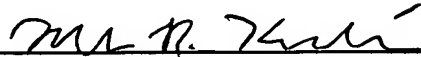
An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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